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SUBJECT: BUDGET FOR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

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1. THE DEPT HAS UTILIZED THE CHANGE IN THE U.S. FISCAL YEAR, STARTING WITH FY 1977 AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING FUNDS FOR THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS EARLIER THAN HERETOFORE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE EFFECTIVE THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE CALENDAR YEAR RATHER THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER.

2. THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE IS THAT STARTING WITH CY 1977 AND THEREAFTER THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE ORGANIZATIONS EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET FINALIZED OUR PAYMENT SCHEDULES THE CURRENT PLAN IS TO MAKE OUR PAYMENTS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS RATHER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE HALF, (JULY) ONE QUARTER (SEPTEMBER), ONE QUARTER (NOVEMBER) PLAN. ADDITIONALLY, PAYMENTS SHOULD BE CONSUMMATED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH QUARTER (JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER).

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3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT APPLY

TO THE ITU WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE PAYING OUR FULL ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR IN ORDER TO AVOID THE IMPOSITION OF INTEREST UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION. ADDITIONALLY, THIS WILL INVOLVE A CHANGE IN OUR SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO GATT WHERE WE HAVE BEEN PAYING ROUGHLY HALF AND HALF IN JANUARY AND JUNE. THE QUARTERLY PAYMENT PLAN WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE APPROPRIATE SINCE IT WOULD PREVENT THE U.S. MOVING FUNDS EARLIER THAN REQUIRED AND THUS AVOID THE NECESSITY OF PAYING INTEREST ON ITS "NATIONAL DEBT" WHILE THE ORGANIZATION IS DRAWING INTEREST ON CONTRIBUTIONS MADE EARLIER THAN NEEDED FOR EXPENDITURE.

4. ONE OTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT SINCE, FOR THE MOST PART, WE WILL BE SUBMITTING OUR APPROPRIATION REQUESTS ON AN ESTIMATED RATHER THAN A FIRM BASIS WE WILL BE LOOKING TO THE MISSION AND THE GENEVA BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE MOST ACCURATE FORWARD ESTIMATING THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE. IN THE PAST SUCH FORWARD ESTIMATING HAS BEEN IMPORTANT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, NOW IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR OMB AND CONGRESSIONAL SUBMISSION PURPOSES. INGERSOLL

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